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The MPLA Professional Development Committee met via phone at 10 a.m. MDT on August 15, 2007. The following members were in attendance: Connie Lamb, Jeanne Narum, Judy Zelenski, Mary Caspers-Graper, Wayn Hanway, and Sandy Barstow.

Connie Lamb and Jeanne Narum are updating the information concerning preconference grants for the Manual of Procedure as well as to be posted on the MPLA website. They will have a draft for the committee to consider within the next few weeks.

Sandy Barstow reported on the informal survey about MPLA members' continuing education interests and needs. Having received only 8 responses from the 648 members surveyed, Sandy intends to re-send the "survey" to the members, but the content will be more narrowly focused than in the first attempt. Sandy will report on the results at the next meeting.

The committee had several personal grant requests to consider at this meeting. A few weeks prior to the meeting, Sandy wrote messages to two requestors, Barb Stransky and Amanda Owens, informing them that they did not meet the years-of-membership criterion for their grant requests to be considered and encouraging them to apply in the future. Five grant proposals did meet all the criteria and were considered. For the MPLA Leadership Institute, Gene Ann Trant requested a mini-grant; Richard Landreth requested a regular grant; and Bridgett Johnson requested a regular grant. It was moved by Connie Lamb, seconded by Jeanne Narum, that the three grant requests be approved. In the discussion that followed, Judy Zelenski verified that the balance available to the committee would cover all the grant requests but that the committee would then not have very much money left for any grant applications that come in to be considered at the October and December meetings. However, there have been no continuing education pre-conference grant proposals submitted, and the deadline for this year is past, so there is \$2500 which might be used for funding personal grant requests. Sandy was directed to ask the MPLA Administration Committee for permission to use these funds this year if there are more personal grant requests than can be funded from the funding budgeted for that purpose. After this discussion, the three grant requests were approved unanimously by the committee.

It was moved by Mary Caspers-Graper, seconded by Connie Lamb, that Deborah Hagemeyer's request for a regular grant to attend EDUCAUSE 2007 be approved. The request was approved unanimously. It was moved by Jeanne Narum, seconded by Connie Lamb, that Jacqueline Lewis's request for a mini-grant to attend the UPLIFT seminar on Cataloging Library Materials be approved. This request was also approved unanimously.

Following this work, the committee discussed the relative inaccessibility of the continuing education information embedded in the MPLA website. Sandy was directed to ask the MPLA webmaster to provide a link to the continuing education resource page, www.mpla.us/ce/index.html, on the main page of the MPLA website. (Subsequently Dan Chaney responded in the affirmative and this link will be added by the end of August or perhaps early September.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. MDT. The next phone meeting of the committee will occur at 10 a.m. MDT on October 17, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Barstow